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Worst of All.

Mr. Lane, Mr. Hobart and Mr. Meek had been off fishing the day before. They had gone unexpectedly from the postoffice, where they met, and neither Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Hobart nor Mrs. Meek had been informed of their whereabouts until tonight. "And it did beat all what poor luck we'd had!" said Mr. Lane when the three friends met the next day.

"I tried to explain to Sadie that we kept staying in the hopes of fetching home something that would show why we'd stayed, but she said we'd acted like a parcel of yearlings and it would be one while before she'd have a hot apple pie for my dinner again and dumplings. She ran me uphill and down, I tell ye!"

"Maria spoke of my clothes," said Mr. Meek forlornly. "She pointed out the way the dampness had cockled that coat I had on. She said 'wouldn't ever be the same again and if I knew of anybody that was going to spend summer days heating great irons and pressing out clothes for a man like me she didn't!'"

"Marthy never said a word," said Mr. Meek as the other two men turned to him, but as they remarked with one accord, "That's the kind of wife to have!" Mr. Meek looked much depressed.

"The only trouble is," he added, "she hasn't spoken yet, and I don't know when she will."

DIED

BURNS—In this city, January 30, 1909, Patrick H. Burns, aged 38 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 36 Railroad avenue, on Tuesday, February 2, at 8:30 a. m. and from St. Michael's church at 9 a. m. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

MONUMENTS

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TAXATION OF MACHINERY VEXES BOARD

Owners Claim Their Plants Are Little Better Than Junk.

But Assessors Believe Equipment Must Be Worth Something Between Scrap Iron and Its Cost—Former Alderman Morgan Appeals from Assessment on Plant of Coulter & McKenzie Company.

Former Alderman Edward J. Morgan made the most noteworthy appeal before the board of Relief at its opening session this morning. As treasurer of the Bridgeport Boiler Works Co. he stated that the valuation on the mechanical operations of the company, fixed at \$6,000 by the assessors, was entirely too great. He said the company had listed its investment in mechanical operations at \$4,000. He claimed this was too high. He said the Pacific Iron Works had just sold a similar plant to Weeks & Co. of New York for the sum of \$4,000.

He declared that there was little doing in the boiler business in the East; that the bulk of the business was going Westward.

As vice president and treasurer of the Coulter & McKenzie Co., Mr. Morgan had a protest against the valuation of the investment in mechanical operations. The assessors have boosted this valuation from \$10,000, listed by the company, to \$20,000. Mr. Morgan told the board that a great deal of the machinery was over thirty years old, and much of it was not in operation. The company paid a tax of \$15,000 on the machinery last year and Mr. Morgan said that the company believed it to be too much had listed it at \$10,000 this year. He could not see how the board of assessors made the valuation \$20,000.

The valuation of machinery has been a thorn in the side of the board of assessors for several years. Manufacturers have advanced the argument that the greater part of the machinery is made for one special purpose and that its value is just what it would bring for old iron. They tell the assessors the machinery is worth a great deal if it is run and they advance the argument that they should not be taxed the difference between the old price and the price in operation, just because they are able to keep the machinery running.

The proper valuation of machinery is a matter which will have to be settled sooner or later.

On the other hand, the assessors are enabled, by the permits in the building inspector's office, to get an idea as to the cost of buildings. The cost of machinery they have to guess at.

There were two appeals this morning from the increased assessments in Main street property. Matthew H. Hughes, who owns a brick building near the head of Elm street, said he had no fault to find with the land valuation, but he thought that there should be a reduction in the value of his building. He listed his property at \$14,000, and the assessors raised it to \$20,000.

Musante & Pastine, who own the building at the corner of the English Woolen Mills store, asked for a reduction of \$2,500 on the valuation of their building. They were increased from \$15,000 to \$17,500. They had no protest to make against the increase in the land valuation.

About 25 appeals were heard by the board this morning. The board is composed of William A. Lewis, Mayor; Charles J. Byrne, and John C. Curtis.

SUPREME COURT

DENIES REHEARING TO GAS COMPANY

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The petition of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York for a rehearing in the eighty-cent gas case was denied by the Supreme court of the United States today.

IN THE CITY COURT

Ward Abbott was fined \$7 and costs in the city court this morning on a charge of having stolen half a ham at the Public Market Saturday night. Jesse Lewis, a clerk intercepted Abbott as he was on the way to the State street door with the ham in his possession. Abbott said he was taking the meat to the wrapping counter, but that he had no intention of stealing it. His appearance bore out his statement. Judge Pullman evidently did not believe his story for he found Abbott guilty.

Andrew Ansolite visited his relative John Patterson at 726 Pembroke street Saturday night. Andrew was drunk and abusive and created a disturbance. He refused to leave when requested and put up a fight. Patrolmen Flynn and Flood were sent from the second precinct station to get Andrew and he was brought in. This morning he was fined a bond of \$20 in the city court.

Samuel Rosiano, 10 years old, is the first victim of the increasing vigilance of the police in removing small boys from loitering about the streets late at night. He was arrested late Saturday night on Main street. In the city court this morning his father declared that he had no intention of allowing his son to loiter about the streets. He seldom passes the night at home and his father has exhausted every inducement he can think of. The boy was sentenced to pass the remainder of his minority at the Meriden school for boys.

WALL STREET TO-DAY.

(Special from United Press.)
11 A. M.—The absence of outside selling on Wall street today was generally attributed to the bull side and there were some narrow fluctuations. Covering of shorts and buying for long accounts by the traders caused a rally in a number of the stocks most easily influenced by contrived buying. The steel stocks made about the only gains of more than fractional amounts.

BROKE HIS ARM

JUMPING FENCE

William Koslowski, who lives at 1880 Ogden street, was in a hurry to get to work this morning and jumped a fence to get to Barnum avenue. He fell and injured his arm. Late in the afternoon he was brought to the hospital where he was treated for a dislocation of the right elbow joint.

A marriage license was issued this morning to John J. O'Brien, aged 21, a mason and Mabel L., aged 17, daughter of Richard and Sarah Ambrun, of 23 Booth street. Both are residents of this city.

THE MINISTER'S OPPORTUNITY IN POLITICS

His Business to Inspire Other Men to Carry Out High Political Measures, Says Rev. C. S. McFarland of South Norwalk.

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Feb. 1.—"The main trouble to-day with Christian men in politics is their timidity which sometimes comes cowardice. The Christian minister should lead his flock from his flock who would dare stand up and be counted for righteousness, in politics."

Rev. C. S. McFarland made this statement this afternoon by the Rev. Charles S. MacFarland of South Norwalk lecturing before the students of Yale Divinity School. He declared that Christian ministers should never go into politics in the sense of seeking office but that in the main it is his business to inspire other men to carry out high political measures.

Rev. MacFarland declared that it was impossible to make any distinction between moral and political questions and ultimately all political questions involved great moral questions. Continuing he said:

"Good men must be as brave as bad men are bold as self-seeking. The modern Christian minister has a splendid opportunity to inspire men to carry Christian principles into the political arena until the Kingdom of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."

ODD FELLOWS' HALL PLANNED

Two Lodge Rooms and Banquet Hall that Will Seat 600 in Program.

After conferring with the firm of Hinckley & Johnson concerning the rental of two floors in the building which the firm intends to build at Cannon and Broad streets, a committee of Odd Fellows in this city will make a report recommending the acceptance of a proposition to lease the upper floors.

It is understood that the lodges will be given a lease for ten years with the privilege of renewing. The Odd Fellows' committee is composed of the trustees of Arcanum, Pequonock, Samuel H. Harris and Adolphus lodges. The report will be made to Harris lodge this evening.

The proposed building is to cover an area of 100 x 114 feet. The committee has arranged for two lodge rooms on the third floor, each to occupy one-half of the entire floor space.

In the case of new buildings the assessors are enabled, by the permits in the building inspector's office, to get an idea as to the cost of buildings. The cost of machinery they have to guess at.

CLOSE BANK TO PROTECT ITS DEPOSITORS

Greenfield, Mass., Savings Institution Suspends Business on Order of Court.

(Special from United Press.)
Greenfield, Mass., Feb. 1.—Pierce Jay, Massachusetts state bank inspector today closed the Greenfield Savings Bank which has deposits of about \$2,000,000, on the ground that it is a bad bank and that it is in a state of insolvency.

Crowds gathered in the street in front of the bank to read the notice of suspension. As the bank is a savings bank, most of the depositors are poor, many of them women. Following the posting of the notice President Robert Abercrombie, president of the bank, issued the following statement to the public:

"I urgently advise all depositors of the Greenfield Savings Bank not to deposit their money in the bank at a discount because of a short suspension of dividends which I concede will not be over two or three years. The bank will open again and resume business from doing business on the basis of their books may do so at their full present value. (Signed) Robert Abercrombie, President."

The Greenfield Savings Bank opened for business and was incorporated March 19, 1893. Robert Abercrombie is president and William F. Aiken, brother of Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court is treasurer.

Bill for \$100,000

Building for New Haven

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 1.—Representative Sperry, of Connecticut, introduced a bill in the House to-day to appropriate \$100,000 for a new Federal building in New Haven.

ANTI-PRIZE FIGHT BILL

(Special from United Press.)
Sacramento, Feb. 1.—Senator Willis to-day introduced a drastic anti-prize fight bill making all contests with or without gloves, training for fighting, issuing or handling a challenge illegal.

MR. RODGERS TO RECEIVE \$15,000

Permission was granted Attorney Hill and Boardman acting for John G. Ager and Rachel L. Drury, executors of the estate of the late Cornelius H. B. Rodgers to compromise the claims of Samuel T. Rodgers, husband of the deceased, who claimed that he had an interest of \$2,500 in the personal property of the late Cornelius H. B. Rodgers. It was allowed to be settled by the court at \$15,000.

YALE CHARACTERISTIC

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Feb. 1.—The Yale senior class of the Academic department today issued a part of the elections of the various characteristics of its members. J. M. Howard of Montclair, N. J., was chosen the most popular man with 107 votes and J. B. Perrin of Indianapolis was second with 75.

Van Vleet, who played football, baseball, took part in the track and other athletics, is chosen the best all around athlete, while M. O. Parry of Indianapolis, president of the Yale Dramatic association, is called the wit.

Charles M. Campbell, of Essex Falls, N. J., and James B. Grant of Denver, received the most votes as having done the most for Yale.

FIDELITY FUNDING COMPANY METHODS ARE EXPLAINED

Patrick J. Kieran Tells His Story Before Referee in Bankruptcy Today.

Insurance of Members of Community Borrowing Part of the Scheme—Some of the Institutions With Which He Did Business.

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Feb. 1.—Revealing the Fidelity Funding Company, which recently failed for about \$5,000,000, as a big channel through which passed a flood of business for two life insurance companies Patrick J. Kieran, head of the concern to-day resumed his testimony before Referee in Bankruptcy Olney.

The two companies which, according to Kieran's testimony, profited by Kieran's operations, are the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Security Life Insurance Company of Chicago, Ills. Kieran explained his operations as follows:

The Fidelity Company's business was lending money, largely to Catholic churches and institutions. When application for a loan was made the Fidelity Company, besides taking a mortgage on the church property or community property, required that members of the congregations or communities take out twenty year endowment insurance to the amount of seventy-five per cent of the loan, the policies being turned over to the Fidelity to further protect the loan. The Fidelity charged eight and sometimes eight and one half per cent interest four per cent, for the actual money loan and the additional per cent, which accrued to the company, was used by it in paying the premiums on the insurance in connection with each loan. Kieran became actively connected with the company in 1905. He said that at that time there was no money in the treasury. In 1907 Kieran said he had built up the assets to \$65,000 or \$70,000.

When a church applied for a loan the Fidelity took a mortgage, required the seventy-five per cent, life insurance, then sold the mortgage or issued bonds of the Fidelity against the mortgage and placed these bonds. Kieran said his method averaged for his concern about one per cent a year. Hence if a loan of \$150,000 was made, he figured the Fidelity received \$750 a year until the loan was closed out.

Among the institutions to which Kieran had loaned large sums under these terms he named the St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Milwaukee, The Home of the Holy Family, Milwaukee, Pa., and the Home of the Holy Family at New York, N. Y. The Milwaukee insurance loan was for \$300,000 and the Western Trust Savings Company was made trustee. The bonds were sold to the Ralph C. Smith Company and are now held by the Carnegie Company.

Attorney Montague, representing some of the creditors, attempted to examine Kieran as to any violations of the insurance laws but the court objected. Referee Olney interposed with an objection that this did not concern the bankruptcy court and ordered the question stricken out.

SUIT FOR \$2,000 AGAINST MARTIN

Local Liquor Dealer's License and Stock Attached.

Damages of \$2,000 are claimed by Alexander C. Poland, local representative of the Jacob Ruppert Brewery, in a suit which he has instituted through Attorney H. P. Lyons against Clarence H. Martin of this city. The suit is for damages claimed to be due him by the defendant is \$1,600. Sheriff Cunningham attached the liquor license and stock in the liquor store conducted by Martin at 1715 Elm street. The saloon has been in care of a sheriff's keeper since Dec. 23.

DUNNING—In this city, Feb. 1st, 1909.

Markus E. Hanley, wife of George T. Dunning, aged 46 years.
—Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late residence, No. 574 Grand street, on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, at 9 o'clock a. m. and thence to St. Patrick's church where a high mass of requiem will be offered at 9:30 a. m.
—Burial in St. Michael's cemetery.

NORMAN E. MACK IS SUMMONED IN THE PANAMA LIBEL CASE

(Special from United Press.)
Buffalo, Feb. 1.—Chairman Norman E. Mack of the Democratic National Committee was served with a subpoena by United States Marshal Conklin, commanding him to appear before the United States Circuit Court in New York in the action brought by the United States Government against the New York World (The Press Publishing Company), in connection with the Panama Canal articles printed in that paper some time ago. Marshal Conklin said that the subpoena came from United States Attorney Henry L. Stimson of New York and was signed by him. Mr. Mack will leave for New York to-night in order to answer the summons.

Deaths and Funerals.

Margaret Hanley, wife of George T. Dunning, died this morning at her home, 574 Grand street, after an illness of two weeks. The deceased was beloved by all who knew her on account of her lovely disposition. Besides her husband she was survived by two brothers, Michael and Edward Hanley, and four sisters, Mrs. Henry Schelinger, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Frederick Haydon and Mrs. John Moran.
The funeral of Thomas J. McCormack, who died after a brief illness at his home, 458 Jane street, Saturday night, will be held at St. Michael's church at 9:30 o'clock and thence to St. Charles' church at 9 where Rev. Father Callahan will say a high mass of requiem. After the mass Mrs. Lane will be in charge of the funeral. The pall bearers were John Gail, John Dunn, John Hanlon, John Goulden, John Freeman and James Cummins.

The funeral of Hugh McCauley, who for the last forty years has lived under the same roof, was held this morning from his late residence, 15 Lexington avenue, at 8:30 o'clock and from St. Augustine's church, at 9 where Rev. Father Kennedy sang a high mass of requiem. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

Farmer Want Ads. 10 a word.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street.

Bridgeport, Conn.,
Monday, February 1, 1909.

The Weather—Fair and continued cold tonight and Tuesday.

If you are planning any sort of a dress or costume, here is news of deep interest.



For a limited time the store will cut and fit garments of any sort from party gown to street costume and charge you absolutely nothing for the service. The only requirement is that the material to be used shall be bought here during that time and shall be not less than 50 cents a yard in price.

That is the offer in a nut-shell. To tell its advantages in detail would take up much space. Think of avoiding the most-trying part of making a costume: the cutting and fitting! Why, that done, the rest is but a trifle. Think of the time that is well-nigh wasted at the dressmakers'; but two brief visits are required to take advantage of the store's offer. And there is nothing to pay; not one penny is charged for this service.

We have made arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller of New York who might well be called cut-and-fit specialists. They begin their service today and are ready to cut and fit any sort of garment from any sort of material costing 50 cents or more a yard. Measures are carefully taken under a new system by Mr. Miller. From these measures Mrs. Miller cuts the garment which is fitted by her. Much depends upon every stage of the work and in each expert service is assured. Mr. and Mrs. Miller come to us and to you with a record of several years of success. They have cut and fitted garments for women from Maine to California (some years ago Mr. Miller was at this store) and everywhere their work has been eminently satisfactory.

Calling costumes, reception dresses, afternoon gowns, street and walking costumes, morning gowns, waists,—all are cut and fitted with equal ease and equal certainty of being satisfactory. And all are cut under the same conditions—with no charge except the store's usual charge for materials, this to be not less than 50 cents a yard.

Now is time to accept opportunity. Now is time when best you may throw aside large share of the usual annoyance of spring sewing. Of possibly greater importance; now you may save much of the usual cost of dress-making—for what woman cannot finish a dress when it has been cut and fitted.

We repeat:—This opportunity is for but a limited time. 'Twill be well to promptly take advantage of it.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

FIREMEN AGAINST TOO MUCH CHANGE

Police Also Wish the Minimum of Tinkering With Pension Ordinances.

A delegation of the Police and Fire departments will meet the Charter Revision committee tomorrow evening, to talk over the proposed changes in the pension acts. There is much opposition in the departments to the proposed changes, although upon some features of the changes the men are not unanimous.

The plan to have the members of the department serve 25 years, or reach the age of 60 years, has been stricken out of the Aldermen's draft.

Two changes remain, one is that the permanent firemen pay 2 per cent, instead of one per cent, and that the members of both departments to be given the right to appeal if they are dissatisfied with being pensioned upon the action of the commissioners.

A delegation of policemen and firemen will appear before the charter revision committee to-morrow night as suggested by Alderman Morrissette at the last meeting of the committee. The latter believes the members of the department who are supplying the money to establish the funds should have something to say if the laws are going to be changed.

A delegation from the department met Alderman Tague yesterday to talk over the changes. Tague is the father of the revision.

MRS. HASTINGS BREAKS A LEG

Mrs. Frank Hastings fell from a trolley car at State and Court streets at 2:30 this afternoon and sustained a fracture of the right leg. She was taken into James Staples & Co.'s bank and the ambulance was called. Dr. Kraus made a fracture and after made a temporary dressing. The patient was taken to her home in North avenue in the ambulance.

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FOUND HIS WIFE IN JAIL ON VERY SERIOUS CHARGE

Mrs. Murphy Held for Giving Illegal Treatment to a Woman Who Died.

(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, locked up in the appearance of a legal medical treatment to Mrs. Margaret C. Reardon which resulted in the death of Mrs. Reardon last Friday, was located in the police station today by her husband.

Murphy had been down in Maine after quarrelling with his pretty wife. He returned to Boston to seek his wife and make up with her. He was amazed to find her in jail on such a serious charge.

Mrs. Murphy faints in his arms. Finally she was held in \$5,000 for the grand jury. Mrs. Margaret C. Reardon, victim of the alleged illegal treatment, was only 20 years old.

VANDERBURGH FAILS TO APPEAR

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Feb. 1.—After waiting over an hour for the appearance of Brandeburg's bonds had been forfeited and the bench warrant was placed in the hands of detectives.

The court had had an extra panel of jurors summoned for the trial. After Brandeburg's bonds had been forfeited the bench warrant was placed in the hands of detectives.

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